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Zoning Commission Okays IMF PUD

by Barbara F. Kahlow

On February 10, 1992, the Zoning Commission approved by a 3-0 vote the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) proposed phase III planned unit development (PUD). The sole, nonbinding condition imposed by the Zoning Commission on the IMF was to advise it to "use its best efforts" to see that the Western Presbyterian Church establishes a neighborhood board, with members "approved by the Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC)," to "monitor" the Church's programs, including Miriam's Kit-

chen which is a feeding program for the homeless.

Unfortunately, the discussion by the Zoning Commission members focused on a letter from the Western Presbyterian Church which was *not* served on the other parties (including the ANC and the Foggy Bottom Association) to enable them to respond in the record being considered by the Zoning Commission prior to its decision. The community may ask for reconsideration due to this procedural error both by the Western Presbyterian Church and by the

Zoning Commission.

On February 19, 1992, the Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB), which lacked a quorum for its two meetings in January, is scheduled to decide the community's application for landmarking the Western Presbyterian Church.

After the decision by the HPRB, the City Council will consider the IMF's proposed closing of a public alley which will be required in order for the IMF to build its phase III addition to its PUD.

JUST CLEAN IT UP!

President Trachtenberg:

At the last Foggy Bottom meeting, we brought up the subject of the 2300 block of Virginia Avenue, where almost all the property is owned by the University. We called it the GW slum, and charged the university with closing its eyes to this eyesore it has created. Your excuse was, "We cannot make the adults in these houses behave," and advised the community to use "peer pressure" (??) on these students to clean up the area. It seemed to us, and it still does, that the university, as the owner of the property, has the responsibility to make its tenants obey the law. Other landlords have to; are universities exempt?

We also asked about the university's plans for the now empty and unkempt-looking retail store in that block. You indicated you are looking for a tenant, and if the community wished it would be restored to a liquor store. Lest you misunderstand our wishes, we are not in favor of this retail tenant over another retail tenant; but we do want the university to take the responsibility to see that it is not a haven for derelicts, and that it is quickly made to look presentable. Please don't infer that the FBA asked for a liquor store!

As you know, FB residents are concerned about the University's purchase of real estate like this block, which is outside the campus plan. Your contention that you're planning for the far future, in our opinion, does not give you the right to allow these properties to deteriorate into a slum, plunging property values, almost like the "blockbusting" of past years. If this is "an effort to strengthen relations between GW, its students and the Foggy Bottom Community," as *The GW Hatchet* trumpeted, perhaps you are going about it in the wrong way.

Ellie Becker

GW To Add Two Buildings

By Sari Marvel

Plans are under way at the George Washington University to move to the campus the Washington Educational Telecommunications Association, the third largest public broadcasting system in the country, and to build a Health and Wellness Center. Both were described by GWU President Trachtenberg at the January FBA meeting.

The merger of GWU and WETA would consolidate the newly-formed National Center for Communication Studies and the station's management into one building to be erected at 21st and H streets adjacent to the 2000 Penn complex, according to University Vice President and Treasurer Louis Katz.

"WETA is looking for a new home in Washington, and the opportunity presented itself for the possible association with GW. This will be a very beneficial move for WETA be-

cause of the opportunity it will have to work with GW academic departments," Katz said.

Francine Zorn Trachtenberg,

vice president of the relocation project for WETA and also the University president's wife, said

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Foggy Bottom Association MEETING

Speaker:

Eleanor Holmes Norton

D.C. Delegate to the
U.S. House of Representatives

7:30 P.M. Monday
February 24, 1992

St. Paul's Parish House
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AGC Requests 107-Ft. Building

by Geoffrey Tyler

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), a non-profit trade organization, has applied for a Planned Unit Development (PUD) for its property fronting the length of the 1901 block of E Street, N.W.; it covers about one third of the square. The land on which the existing building and parking lot stand is currently zoned SP-2, which permits a maximum FAR (ratio of total floor area to lot area) of 6.0, of which no more than 3.5 FAR is for limited office use, and a maximum height of 90 feet. AGC asks for a zoning change to C-4 (up to 8.5 FAR and height to 110 feet, the most dense commercial zoning) and proposes a building with an FAR of 8.5, including 2.5 FAR of rental apartments, and a height of 107 feet.

ANC2A passed a resolution opposing the PUD application.

At the initial hearing of the Zoning Commission, the latter decided that it would only consider a rezoning to C-3-C, which permits a maximum FAR of 6.5 and height up to 90 feet. ANC2A stresses that the proposed development immediately adjacent to a residential area is too big and that high density commercial zoning is inappropriate.

The PUD process allows the Zoning Commission to approve a building larger than the limits available as a matter of right, in return for amenities provided to the community by the development. The developer claims the housing component as the main amenity. An ANC Task Force has been established to work on the project. It has already had initial discussions with the D.C. Office of Planning. Anyone interested in participating should contact ANC Chair Sara Maddux at 659-0011 (ANC office). The public hearing by the Zoning Commission has been set for Monday, March 30, 1992 at 7:00 P.M. at the District Building.

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Zoltrow Nominated for Vice President

At the January Foggy Bottom meeting, President Chris Lamb announced the nomination of Board member Henrietta Zoltrow for election as FBA vice president. The election will take place at the February FBA meeting. The post of vice president has been vacant for several months.

Also at the last meeting, Mr. Thomas of the D.C. Medical Society discussed a City Council bill designed to control the rising cost of medical malpractice insurance. One hospital in D.C. spends \$10 million for malpractice insurance alone, and many physicians will not practice in D.C. because of these costs. It would place a reasonable limit on the amount of non-economic damages (pain and suffering) a plaintiff can be awarded in a civil lawsuit. It does not limit other damage awards, such as lost wages and

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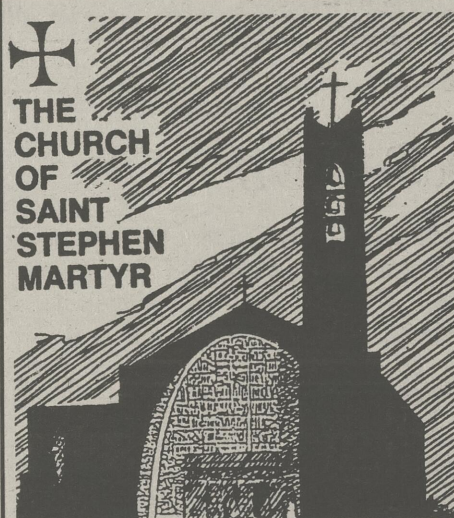
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Ray Holds Hearing on Student Housing

Councilmember John Ray has scheduled an oversight hearing to investigate possible zoning and housing code violations in the operations of off-campus student housing in neighborhoods adjacent to the city's universities.

The hearing will be held Monday, March 9, before the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, which Mr. Ray chairs. The session, beginning at 2 p.m., will be in the Council Chambers of the District Building.

"Community leaders in residential neighborhoods near the university campuses have reported growing problems resulting from the conversion of single-family homes to rooming houses rented to students," Mr. Ray said.

"The Committee has received information indicating that some houses may be crowded

with more tenants than permitted by the housing code and may be operating without the zoning, housing, and business permits required by law," he continued.

"We intend to conduct a thorough investigation to identify the enforcement action that may be necessary and to explore other remedies to protect the rights of neighborhood residents while also assuring the availability of affordable and well-managed student accommodations."

Mr. Ray initiated the inquiry after attending a meeting of the Second District Police Citizens Advisory Committee which includes community leaders in Ward 3 and the Georgetown and Foggy Bottom neighborhoods of Ward 2. During the meeting, residents reported incidents of late-night noise and disorderly conduct resulting from an increase in off-campus student housing near Georgetown and George Washington universities.

Residents of neighborhoods near Howard University have reported similar concerns. Residents

ANC-2A MEETING
Thursday, March 12
Rome Hall, Room 402
801 22nd Street, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

dents near American University have said they fear similar problems if AU proceeds with its announced plans to move fraternity houses off campus.

Mr. Ray said community residents, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners, civic association leaders, and owners of property rented to students will be invited to testify. Colleges and universities located in the District will be asked to send representatives to describe their off-campus housing policies. And representatives of the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, the agency responsible for enforcing zoning and housing regulations, will be questioned about enforcement efforts.

Highlights of ANC-2A February 13, 1992 Meeting

At its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting the ANC:

- Heard a presentation from representatives of the Associated General Contractors of America on its proposed development at 1957 E Street, N.W., that requires approval of a Planned Unit Development (PUD) and a map amendment by the Zoning Commission.
- Supported the application of the Trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art for a liquor license for its Cafe.
- Deferred to a special meeting consideration of a resolution concerning the continued existence and operation of the 108-bed overnight shelter near 27th and I Streets, NW.
- Called for a special meeting for February 26 subject to the availability of representatives of the D.C. Department of Human Services and of Seed Ministries to discuss the resolution of the overnight shelters.

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BIZBUZZ . . .

By Betty Olsen

Norway's Ambassador to the United States **KJELD VIBE** opened a Scandinavian photo exhibit recently at the International Monetary Fund's Visitor Center. **THOR MELHUUS** is the founder and current chairman of the Fame Portrait Group, and put together 59 renowned members and their 242 prints for the show. Although the photographers are studio portrait photographers, Norwegian and Scandinavian nature scenes are important aspects of their craft.

Talking with Melhuus at the opening reception I asked him what his favorite camera was. He said, "Any of them." I asked him what kind of film he liked. He said, "Depending on what is to be photographed, I choose whether it should be in color or black and white." Melhuus has been a photographer for 40 years and now his daughter and son, whose work is also featured in the show, have followed him into the darkroom.

He says, "How you print and post is extremely important, not

only how you look through the eye of the camera." There are many different and effective presentations in the exhibit. But don't just take my word for it — the show runs through March 6th.

Don't forget you are invited on behalf of **GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY** to a free basketball game on the 27th of February when the Colonials play St. Bonaventure. Game time is 7:30 p.m. at the Smith Center at 600 22nd Street, N.W. Why don't you come when the gates open at 6:30 p.m. and people watch as I plan to do?

Guess you missed **DAN KIBLER** from his place of business, Casey's, during the latter part of January. Well, he always goes to the Super Bowl wherever it is and whenever it is; but when the Redskins are one of the teams who go it is an added attraction to be sure. Kibler has a satellite at his business which is a popular catch-up sport spot for the neighborhood. Will have to ask him firsthand if the ice palace

melted with all the heat the Redskins exerted against the Bills for the 26th Super Bowl.

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GW Buildings (from p. 1) WETA has been exploring the idea of moving to the District for several years. The station is currently located in Shirlington, Va., in several different buildings, and is looking to consolidate its operations into one facility.

Trachtenberg said she is planning the project with Neil Mahrer, executive vice president of WETA, and noted she is not working with her husband on the project.

According to Katz, the University and WETA signed a memorandum of intent in mid-December; Katz noted, however, the project is still in its beginning stages. Working on the financial, legal, facility and program issues of the move is the next step, he said.

Some general discussions with the neighborhood groups regarding this project have been conducted, Katz said, adding that the University tries to meet with its neighbors on a regular basis to "keep the lines of communication open."

Katz said this specific project may raise concerns later but the University will deal with them as they arise. "I do think the city is very excited about this project adding about 200 jobs to the District," he said.

Steve Bilsky, executive direc-

tor of athletics at GW, is working with University officials on developing a twelve-story Health and Wellness Center to be erected at 23rd and G streets. The new center would include such amenities as a large weight room, basketball courts, gymnasiums, aerobics facilities, a running track, locker rooms and parking.

According to Bilsky, this project and the WETA project will not affect tuition costs in any way. Bilsky said the center will pay for itself over a period of years. Members will be charged a "normal" fee to use the health club.

"Ten years ago there may have been a need for a small weight room but this need has escalated. We have done a lot of consulting and investigating with potential users and this idea has been received favorably," Bilsky said.

Bilsky said a financial plan for alumni and Foggy Bottom neighbors may be developed once the total cost of the project is clear.

"This will be an absolutely beautiful building the community will be happy about," Bilsky said. In addition plans are under way for joggers on the running track to have a picturesque view of the Lincoln Memorial.

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Respect For Basic Human Rights

By Robinson Jones

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Keith Jennings lives in Adams/Morgan and directs Amnesty-USA's Mid-Atlantic regional office in Foggy Bottom at 1118 22nd Street, NW, just north of L, adjacent to the Carriage House Apartments. Mr. Jennings explains that Amnesty's regional offices function primarily to expand membership and mobilize the many individual volunteers and organizational networks needed to rewrite personal appeals to officials in offending countries around the world. Research into allegations of wrongful imprisonment, torture, cruel or demeaning punishment, and death sentences, is conducted by Amnesty's International Secretariat in London.

Except for U.S. members who work to repeal the death penalty in the several states and to promote fairness in treatment of refugees seeking asylum, Amnesty's researchers never work on allegations against the governments of their own countries, re-

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maining politically neutral and non-partisan in all cases.

This prudent and cautionary policy requires delicate sensitivities and innovative techniques designed to carry out its policy of impartiality and independence. It further enhances Amnesty International's ever-growing global credibility. But once the International Secretariat in London establishes the *reliability* of any such allegation, it tries to alert the whole world to the wrong-doing.

In the firm belief that "*ordinary people can take effective ac-*

tion to protect the human rights of others," Amnesty calls on its network of Urgent Action volunteers in various countries, including the USA, to write personal appeals in support of known victims. Letters and telegrams are sent to top officials in the offending country.

The regional office staff and volunteers also send reports on each country to human rights monitors, inter-governmental bodies, and trade unions interested in protecting the human rights of their constituents. "In 1990, Amnesty International groups worldwide were working on behalf of 4,500 prisoners held in 77 countries. At least 1,296 were released that year."

These letter-writing and networking efforts, conducted in the USA by regional offices, by 420 community groups, 2,500 high school and college groups, routinely result in more than 40% of such prisoners being held under improved conditions or, better yet, released altogether.

Amnesty's mission is all but overwhelming. One Middle Eastern country alone, Turkey, is believed to have arrested, since 1980, more than 200,000 political prisoners who make serious allegations of unlawful incarceration and/or systematic torture.

Keith Jennings reports that allegations of "cruel and unusual and personally degrading conditions are believed by Amnesty's International Secretariat in London to also exist in the United States in many, if not most, of our local, state and Federal prisons.

Amnesty never gives up. An active case in point, begun in 1980, is the Federal maximum-security penitentiary in Marion, Illinois. The London office is today trying with persistence to get the Federal Bureau of Prisons to initiate a full independent inquiry to determine "whether procedures or practices existed which might have facilitated brutality; . . . and to report on whether improvements could be made . . . to minimize the risk of ill-treatment."

Another High Security Unit at the Federal Bureau of Prisons facility, Lexington, Kentucky, initially held "three women convicted of politically motivated offenses . . . who were joined by four other female prisoners . . . these (seven) women were isolated from all other prisoners and kept in a specially controlled environment which included 24-hour camera surveillance . . . they were strip-searched whenever they left the outdoor exercise yard. . . ." Since Amnesty issued this report in 1988, Lexington's high security facility for women has been closed.

According to the London office's Fact Sheet, ". . . an ever-growing human rights consti-

tuency is gathering the facts on abuses by governments, taking action to stop them, and strengthening the forces necessary to prevent future violations.

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the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. 63 governments — *including* the United States — are now party to the UN Convention Against Torture."

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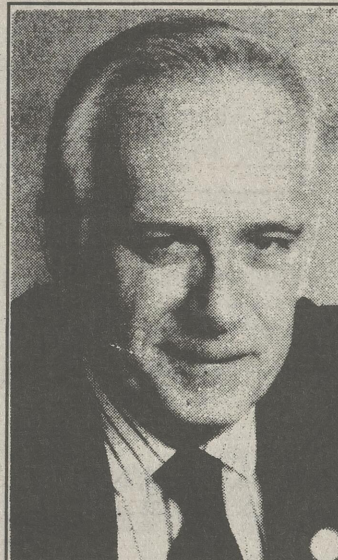
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by Barbara Kahlrow

Notices of Public Meetings

- 2/19 9:30 am, 1133 North Capitol Street, NE — Historic Preservation Review Board to hear landmark designation of American Red Cross Headquarters (National Capital Chapter) building (2025 E Street, NW)
- 3/12 7 pm, District Building — Zoning Commission to hear Planned Unit Development (PUD) at 2225 N Street, NW (formerly 1325-23rd Street)

Other Notices

- 1/17 Advisory Neighborhood Commission Election Emergency Act of 1992 (DC Act 9-131 of 1/9/92) — allows vacancies to be filled by majority vote of ANC
- 1/24 Notice of Final Rulemaking — Temporary Housing for Families and Emergency Overnight Shelter for Individual Adults (29 DCMR 25), effective 1/24/92
- 1/24 Notice of Final Rulemaking and Zoning Commission Order — Dupont Circle Overlay District
- 1/24 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking — Foggy Bottom Historic District Overlay (11 DCMR 15) — comments by 2/28/92
- 2/7 Zoning Commission Notice of Filing — repropoed PUD for Blackie's parking lot at 22nd & M Streets, NW — 92 feet, 7.17 floor area ratio (FAR), 51% residential, 546 parking spaces
- 2/7 at 1/13/92 meeting, Zoning Commission set down for a public hearing proposed PUD for Associated General Contractors at 1957 E Street, NW — including change in zoning from SP-2 to C-3-C, 107 feet, 8.5 FAR, 29% residential, 200 parking spaces

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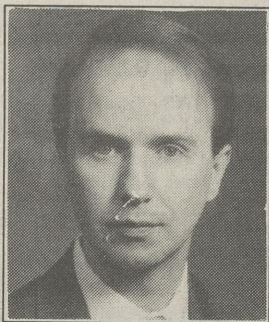
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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, February 24: Foggy Bottom Association meeting. Speaker Honorable Eleanor Holmes Norton, D.C. Delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives. St. Paul's Parish Hall, 2430 K Street, N.W., 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 26: Lisner at Noon concert, featuring music from the era of Queen Elizabeth I performed by the GW Collegian Musicum. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 27: Organ recital by A. Graham Down, featuring Mozart, Sweelinck, Darke, Dubois & Bach. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 29: Concert by The Troubadours, a cappella group, performing in the informal British tradition of close-harmony singing. Included will be classics from Gershwin to contemporary vocal jazz. Marvin Theatre, 800 21st Street, N.W. \$5 general admission. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 5: Organ recital, A. Graham Down, featuring Blow, Beethoven, Mendelssohn,

Greene & Bach. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W. 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Monday, March 9: Hearing by D.C. Council Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs, on possible zoning and housing code violations in the operations of off-campus student housing in neighborhoods adjacent to the city's universities. Council Chambers, District Building, 2:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 11: Lisner at Noon concert by pianist Oleg Volkov. Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, N.W., 12:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 12: Organ recital, A. Graham Down, featuring Buxtehude, Handel, Bach, Vierne & Reger. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., 12:15-1:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 12: ANC-2A monthly meeting. 801 22nd St., N.W., #402. 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 19: Piano recital, Timothy Gualdoni. Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., 12:15-1:00 p.m.

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Taxing Developments

President Bush recently revealed his tax package, which included a boost in take-home pay for the average employee. If your income is less than \$53,200 (individuals) or \$90,200 (for joint filers), the tax withheld from your paycheck will decrease starting in March.

The reduction is not large: It will amount to only a few dollars a week for the typical worker. Note that this is not a tax cut; it merely shifts your taxes from an election year to a non-election year. If you want to avoid this change in withholding, you must file a new Form W-4 with your employer.

Moving on to local tax issues, we have the continuing saga of the taxability of out-of-state municipal bonds. The latest word: Such bonds will NOT be taxed by D.C. Offsetting that small blessing is the likelihood of a rise in the top tax rate from 9.5% to 10.0%. That compares with a maximum of 7.5% in suburban Maryland and 5.75% in Virginia.

Taxpayers in the 28% federal bracket will generally benefit from investing in tax-exempt bonds or funds. Last year, for example, we recommended the Vanguard Municipal Bond Fund. Its insured long-term portfolio earned a total return of 12.5%, about half of which was tax-free. Vanguard charges no commissions and has the lowest annual fees among all major mutual fund organizations.

It may be helpful to know the average deduction for your income level: These figures can be used as rough guidelines as to the likelihoods of an IRS audit. Of course, they are no guarantee of what the IRS will actually allow, and you must be able to document your deductions. If your deductions significantly exceed these figures, it may be wise to attach appropriate schedules and other evidence to your return. The averages by adjusted-gross-income group for 1990 filers were:

INCOME	AVERAGE DEDUCTION			
	MEDICAL	TAX	CHARITABLE DEDUCTION	INTEREST
\$25-30,000	3,128	1,975	1,109	4,314
\$30-40,000	2,849	2,342	1,184	4,887
\$40-50,000	3,546	2,947	1,318	5,400
\$50-75,000	4,713	3,943	1,607	6,271
\$75-100,000	6,448	5,713	2,108	8,531
\$100-200,000	10,090	9,020	3,532	12,150

Joseph O'Donnell, C.F.A.

Clip and Save . . . Here's Levey's List

Bob Levey ran these D.C. government phone numbers to encourage citizens to use this list rather than calling the police.

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(All numbers in area code 202)

Abandoned Vehicles:

On Private Property: 727-7709

On Public Property: 673-6993

Alley Cleaning: 727-4825

Alley Repair: 767-8527

Animal Bites: 576-6664

Bicycle Information: 939-8016

Booted Vehicle: 727-5000

Bulk Trash Collection: 727-4825

Bus Shelters: 939-8050

Child Neglect: 727-0995 (24

hours)

Child Abuse: 576-6762 (24

hours)

Crime Solvers and Tipsters:

393-2222 (confidential)

Crime Victims' Assistance

Program: 24-hour number for emergency services such as housing and child care for victims of violent crime:

842-8467

Curb and Gutter Repair:

767-8527

Dead Animal Removal:

727-4825

Driver's License Information:

727-6680

Illegal Dumping: 767-7487

Impounded Vehicles: 727-5000

Impoundment Lot: 576-6585

Infant and Toddler Car Seat

Rentals: 939-8018

Leaf Collection: 727-4825

Litter Control: 727-4825

Free Map of D.C.: 939-8115

Motor Vehicles:

Information: 727-6680

Inspection: 727-6680

Insurance: 727-5986

Learner's Permits: 727-6680

Registration: 727-6680

Parking:

Enforcement: 727-9028

Hearings: 727-3474

Meter Repair: 727-9213

Regulations: 727-5104

Residential Parking Permit:

727-6680

Residential Permit Petitions:

727-5104

Tickets: 727-5000

Police Non-Emergency Calls:

727-4326 (24 hours)

Pothole Repair: 767-8527

Public Space:

Adjudication: 727-5563

Permits: 727-5635

Rape Crisis Hot Line:

333-7273

Recycling:

Collection: 727-4825

Information: 727-5856

Roadside Maintenance:

727-0211

Rodent Control: 576-7389

Sanitation:

Enforcement: 767-7487

Ticket Adjudication:

727-5563

Sidewalk Repair: 767-8527

Snow Emergency: 832-4357

Street:

Cleaning: 727-4825

Construction: 767-8539

Repair: 767-8527

Signs: 939-8092

Street Light Repairs:

939-7100

Towed Vehicle: 727-5000

Traffic Problems: 939-9082

Traffic Signals:

Day: 939-8087

Night: 727-6161

Trash Removal:

Residential: 727-4825

Apartments/Businesses:

767-7487

Tree Maintenance: 767-8532

Vacant Lot Cleanup Requests:

767-7487

War on Rats: 576-7389

Water and Sewer:

Bills: 727-5240

Emergency: 673-6600

Water Meter Reading: 673-6803

Water Meter Repair: 673-7520

Yard Waste Collection: 727-4825

By the way, if a fuse blows in your home, call an electrician or Pepco, not the city. If your toilet stops up, call a plumber. And if a bat chooses your living room for his aerobics, call Rodent Control at 576-7389.

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A warm welcome to our Foggy Bottom neighbors!

Foggy Bottom/West End Crime Report

C.A. Mitchell

There were fewer crimes reported in January, due to the deployment of more police patrols in the area with cold weather as a possible contributing factor. The total number of robberies dropped to seven, with three occurring in the 25th and I Street area.

The drop in criminal activity was offset by the serious nature of a crime that occurred on January 5. A Foggy Bottom resident, female and over 60, was raped in her apartment. The assailant, armed with a knife, gained entry in the early morning hours by forcing open a door held by a chain lock. No suspects have been arrested, but Metropolitan Police Department detectives have developed a profile of the person they believe is responsible.

The suspect in this case is described as a black male in his 30s, 5'3" to 5'5". He has a dark complexion and a slim build. Any resident noting suspicious activity on the part of a person answering this description is asked to contact the Police Department immediately.

The criminal activity reported in the Foggy Bottom/West End

residential areas for January includes:

Rape
1/5 26th St

Assault with a Deadly Weapon
1/27 21 & E St 7:30p

Robberies in Public Spaces
1/3 800 25th St 7:00a
1/6 25th & I St 8:30p hands
1/6 25th & I St 8:50p blunt instrument
1/13 22nd & N St 11:10 hands
1/14 Wash. Circle 6:10p
1/15 2400 L St 11:55p knife
1/24 1255 E St 5:50a sharp instrument

Simple Assault
1/3 21 & M St 3:00a
1/13 23 & G St 2:42a

Burglaries/Thefts in Homes
1/5 915 Hughes Mews
1/7 20 Snows Court
1/10 2300 I St
1/14 2528 I St
1/17 2440 Virginia Ave
1/18 939 26th St
1/27 2130 N St

Stolen Auto
1/8 840 24th St street
1/12 900 25th St street
1/13 924 24th St yard

Larceny from Auto
1/1 1100 22nd St
1/5 2112 F St
1/6 939 26th St
1/11 900 25th St
1/17 2100 L St
1/21 2101 L St
1/22 1200 21st St
1/22 24th & N St
1/26 1201 24th St
1/26 1232 22nd St
1/26 2114 N St

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. Assist by reporting non-emergency, suspicious activity to the Metropolitan Police Department at 727-4326. Call 911 for emergencies.

Watch for the latest scheme: Captain Swope advised at the last Foggy Bottom meeting about the latest trick being played by criminals. It happens often between 5:00 and 9:00 p.m., near Metro stations. A person ahead of a victim will stop suddenly, pretending to have dropped something. An accomplice will run into the victim who has stopped, and will pick a pocket or purse. So beware of that possibility.

Rape Prevention Information

By C.A. Mitchell

Women of all ages are vulnerable to rape, according to Officer Marty Clark of the Metropolitan Police Department's Community Services Office. "It's a myth that only young women are rape victims," she said in a telephone interview.

If there is sufficient demand, Officer Clark will visit our neighborhood to make a presentation on personal safety for women. Please call (202) 337-5528 and leave a message if you would like to attend. If an adequate number of residents

are interested, this presentation will be scheduled for a convenient time and location in the neighborhood.

In addition, the D.C. Rape Crisis Center is offering a "Women's Self-Defense Class" March 3-31 at All Souls Church, 16th & Harvard Streets, N.W. The class is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 8:00 to 9:30 in the evening. Fees are charged on a sliding scale, and some physical activity is involved. If you are interested in this class, please call the D.C. Rape Crisis Center at (202) 232-0789 to register.

In last month's column, a sentence with some good news was omitted. That news was a second arrest early in January of a team of two juvenile suspects in the 2500 block of I Street on a charge of robbery through the use of force and violence. Just two days before that, as mentioned in the article, another set of juveniles was arrested in the same block for robbery through the use of fear. Two sets of arrests in one week is good news indeed. Ed.

Amnesty (from p.5)
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